

## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace Paragraph [0024] with the following paragraph rewritten in amendment format:

**[0024]** Referring now to Figure 6, the amount of flow through spool valve 64 also contributes to the damping force blowoff level, ~~according to the following formula:~~

$$\left[ \left[ Q = \alpha \sqrt{P \left( \frac{AS}{BH^2} \right)} \right] \right] \rightarrow \underline{Q = \alpha \sqrt{P \left( \frac{AS}{BH^2} \times \frac{AO - AS}{BV^2} \right)}}$$

~~In the above formula:~~

~~Q~~ = the blowoff level

~~$\alpha$~~  = flow coefficient of damping fluid

~~F~~ = force

~~AS~~ = diameter of bore 112

~~BH~~ = diameter of valve member 110

~~AO~~ = diameter of bore 124

~~BV~~ = area of orifice 86 or 94 which is open

~~[[P]]~~ ~~P~~ = pressure